

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adam Cox on November 17, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 7, line 3 – rep[lace “recess” with - - aperture - - to correspond with antecedent basis provided for that term.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 7-13 are allowed.

3. Applicant's arguments are persuasive. The prior art does not teach or make obvious all limitations particularly including a fastener disposed in the threaded region so that as it is threaded in, it engages the abutment region and moves the inner element away from the plug-in element until the counter lugs bear against the support element.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Estremsky whose telephone number is 571 272-7055. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Victor Batson can be reached on 571 272-6987. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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